

REMARKS

The application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated February 3, 2004.

Claims 1 – 16 and 18 - 33 are pending in this application. By the present Amendment, claims 1, 13, & 14 have been amended to correct formal matters. It is submitted that no new matter has been added and no new issues have been raised by the present Amendment.

Claims 1-5, 10-16, 18-20, and 31-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,167,520 to Touboul et al. Claims 6-9, and 21-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,167,520 to Touboul et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,623,600 to Ji et al. Applicants have carefully considered the Examiner's comments and the cited art, and respectfully submit independent claims 1 and 13-16 are patentably distinct from the cited art, for at least the following reasons.

Independent claim 1 relates to a method of preventing undesirable activities of executable objects via an application, comprising denying to the application, or *one of more of its threads*, access to a secured resource if the application, or *one or more of its threads*, has previously exhibited Internet behavior that has not met a specific condition for accessing the secured resource, and denying the application, or *one or more of its threads*, Internet behavior if, at a time access is sought to the Internet, the application, or one or more of its threads is accessing a secured resource.

The claimed features provide salient benefits. For example, according to an embodiment of the present disclosure, a specific thread that has exhibited Internet behavior, and any of its subthreads, can be prevented from accessing a secured resource, while other application threads

can be allowed to access the secured resource (See page 11, lines 13-16). Of course, the present claims are not limited to the disclosed embodiments.

Touboul relates to a method and system for protecting a client during runtime from hostile executables by comparing information pertaining to the executable against a predetermined security policy. As understood by the Applicants, when a new applet requests the service of a Java class, a corresponding Java class extension can interrupt the request and generate a message to notify the system of the request. (Touboul, column 4, lines 3-7). The method and system described in Touboul, as understood by the Applicants, compares the executable file with executables known to be suspicious or executables that might be in violation of a predetermined rule and either runs the executable or performs a predetermined response action based on the comparison, such as terminating the entire applet (Touboul, column 4, lines 49-50).

However, as understood by the Applicants, Touboul does not teach or suggest denying an application or *one or more of its threads*, access to a secured resource and/or denying the application or one or more of its threads, Internet behavior, as recited in independent claim 1.

Accordingly, Applicants submit independent claim 1 is patentably distinct from the cited art. Independent claims 13-16 are believed to be patentably distinct for at least similar reasons. For at least these reasons, Applicant submits independent claims 1, 13-16 and dependent claims 2-5, 10-12, 18-20 and 31-33 are patentable over Touboul.

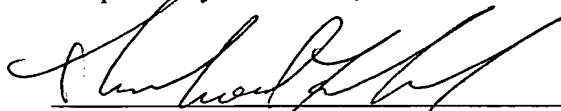
The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required in connection with this amendment and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a petition for an additional extension of time is required to make this response timely, this paper should be considered to be such a petition, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite fees to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

Entry of this amendment and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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